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the 2nd Mecz. Bn., 103d Mecz. Regt., 3rd
Tank Div., in 1953. Czechoslovak

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1. [] two major weapons in the Czechoslovak Army that were classified as new. They were the new Tarasnice recoilless AT gun and the T-49 Czech tank. The Tarasnice were already in the 2nd Mecz. Bn. [] The T-49 tanks arrived in [] unit in January 1953. []
2. [] all the equipment and arms in [] unit were in excellent condition, except the German Panzerfausts, which were in bad condition.
3. The 3rd Tk. Div. had its own repair shops for trucks and tanks. The repair shops had lathes, drill presses, and other specialized machines. All spare parts were difficult to obtain for the 2nd Mecz. Bn., but those most difficult to obtain were crankshafts and driveshafts. When a tank or truck broke down, it was usually because of crankshaft or driveshaft difficulties. Replacements for these parts arrived at the repair shops usually two or three months after they were ordered. [] some of the mechanics that the driveshafts and crankshafts were very weak in construction. In March 1953, the 2nd Mecz. Bn. had only seven trucks which were in working order. The remainder were in the shop for minor repairs. Trucks which were in the shop for minor repairs were usually returned in about two weeks, but it was not unusual for vehicles to remain standing for long periods of time before special parts arrived. There were very few trained mechanics in [] battalion if trained mechanics were available, trucks would be returned from repairs sooner. [] no further information on vehicle parts except that spare parts arrived in the 2nd Mecz. Bn. from Prague and Brno.
4. The majority of trucks in the 2nd Mecz. Bn. were put on blocks for the winter. The trucks were first put into garages, and the water was

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drained from the radiators, then the summer oil was drained and winter oil put in. Batteries were disconnected and turned in for charging and storage. Tires were not deflated. The charging of the batteries was done by the service section, which was composed of repair men in such fields of motor repair as tank mechanics, battery chargers, and artificers. Armored vehicles such as half-tracks, were given a general overhauling. Oil was changed and a general inspection was made on all working parts. Tanks underwent the same inspection as half-tracks. Besides the maintenance given equipment, all trucks, half-tracks, tanks, and artillery guns were covered with a thin coat of a vaseline-like substance to prevent rusting and to keep them in proper working condition. The working mechanism on guns and tanks was not extracted, but was oiled and greased for winter. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] no further information in relation to special measures taken by the Czechoslovak Army in the maintenance of its equipment. 25X1

5. All T/E weapons and equipment went with [redacted] it moved to the training area for the annual summer training exercises. No additional weapons or equipment were issued to the unit when it arrived in the area. It did have additional weapons and equipment, but these remained in storage in Mlada-Milovice, and this equipment was only to be used in case of war, when the weapons in storage would be used by the personnel who would be drafted into the unit (up to 10,000 for the 3rd Tk. Div.). If the unit needed additional "live" ammunition for summer training, a truck was dispatched from the area to a storage point in Mlada. There were ammunition depots in the area around Mimon, but these were used only in case of a shortage or emergency, such as war. Otherwise, the unit had to go back to Mlada to get its ammunition. 25X1

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[redacted] unit was allotted a certain number of rounds and when they were expended, it did not receive more. If the unit firing zeroed in on its target with a few rounds, it was scored as good and did not have extensive training in this phase.

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Table A: Estimated T/E of the 2nd Mecz. Bn., 103rd Mecz. Regt.

Table B: Equipment Utilized by the Czechoslovak Army

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Table A

Estimated T/E of the 2d Mecz Bn, 103d Mecz Regt

	Pistol, Parabola, 9mm	SMG, Model #23*, 7.62-mm	Rifles*Model 98, 7.92-mm	LMG, Model 27, 7.92-mm	HMG, Czech Model unk, 7.92-mm	Mortar, 82-mm (Old German 81mm Hq Soviet)	Mortar, 120-mm bored	AA-MG 12.7-mm Soviet	AT-Rifles, 7.92-mm	Tarasnice, 100-mm, Czech
1st Inf Co	10	36	27	9						A
2d Inf Co	10	36	27	9						
3d Inf Co	10	36	27	9						
HMG Co	7	8	6		6					
Mortar Co	7	26				3	3			
AA AT Gun Co	9	39						3	6	3
AA Plat	(4)	(9)					(3)			
AT Plat	(2)	(12)								
Tarasnice Plat	(3)	(18)							(6)	(3)
Hq Section	2	12								
Sig Plat	1	40								
Trans Co		60								
Bn Total	56	293	87	27	6	3	3	3	6	3
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* Gunners on crew-served weapons had no individual small arms

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Table A (Cont'd)

Estimated T/E of the 2d Mecz Bn, 102d Mecz Regt

AT-Gun, 76-mm, Soviet	Panzerfausts, German	BMV, German Motorcycles	Jawa, Czech 250-cm Motorcycles	Jeep, American	Gas Mask, German	Praga RND or Tatra III Trucks	Hakl, Half-track, German	Grenade, Model 38	Ford (Canadian) Wrecker	Switchboard, TU-NLO German	Telephone, TP-25- Czech, K-6-Soviet	Radio, RF 11-Czech	Radio, 19 MK- Canadian	Wire Drum, Czech
A					82	6	9	40	1					
					82	6	9	40	1					
					82	6	9	40	1					
				1	27	2	3	10	1					
						2	3	10	1					
3	4				67	7	7	15	1					
					(16)	(2)	(2)	(5)	(1)					
(3)					(17)	(1)	(2)	(5)						
	(4)				(34)	(4)	(3)	(5)						
		1	1			3	1	5						
										1	4	1	3	6
					60									
3	4	1	1	1	400	32	41	160	6	1	4	9	3	6
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Table B

Equipment Utilized by the Czechoslovak Army

Type	Country of Manufacture	Caliber	Model	Year of Manufacture	Condition	Remarks
Pistol	Czech	7.65 mm.	50	1951	Good	-
Pistol	Unk.	9 mm.	1908	-	-	8 rounds per clip
Pistol	German	9 mm.	P-38& Luger	Post War	Good	-
Pistol	Soviet	7.62 mm.	1933	Unk.	Unk.	-
SMG	Czech	7.62 mm.	23	1949-50	Excellent	40 rounds per clip, 2,000 rounds per minute.
Rifle	Czech	7.92 mm.	98	1949	Good	5 rounds per clip
LMG	Czech	7.92 mm.	26	1948	Good	700 rounds per minute, 230 rounds per belt.
HMG	Czech	7.92 mm.	37	1951	Good	550 rounds per minute, 750 rounds per belt.
AT Gun	Soviet	76 mm.	Unk.	WW II	Good	8 rounds per minute
Mortar	German	82 mm.	Unk.	WW II	Good	Old German 81 mm. rebored to Soviet 82 ammo; 15 rounds per minute.
Mortar	Soviet	120 mm.	Unk.	Post WW II	Good	8 rounds per minute
Howitzer	Soviet	120 mm.	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	5 rounds per minute
AA MG	Czech	12.7 mm.	Unk.	Unk.	Good	-
AA MG	Soviet	Unk.	1938	Unk.	Unk.	500 rounds per minute
Taras-nice	Czech	100 mm.	Unk.	Unk.	Good	Recoilless AT gun; 4 rounds per minute
Panzer-faust	German	50 mm.	Unk.	WW II	Fair	-
Grenades	Czech	-	38 and 48	Unk.	Unk.	Manufactured by the Skoda Works
Half-track	German	-	Hakl	WW II	Fair	Tracks on these not good; two fuel tanks, each of 50 lit. capacity (2 km. to the lit. of diesel fuel)

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<u>Type</u>	<u>Country of Manu- facture</u>	<u>Caliber</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year of Manu- facture</u>	<u>Condition</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Truck	Czech	-	Praga- RND	1951	Excellent	50 lit. tank capa- city
Truck	Czech	-	Tatra III	1951- 52	Excellent	50 lit. tank capa- city (about 4 km. to the liter)
Fuel Truck	Czech	-	Tatra III	-	-	Carried egg-shaped tank holding about 1,000 lit. of gas
Motor- cycle	Czech	-	Jawa	1952	Good	-

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